

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 16, 2005, has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 17-20, 27, 33, 37, 49, 50, 51, 53, 54, 57-59, 61 and 64 have been amended. Another set of replacement drawings are respectfully submitted for consideration. Therefore, claims 17-47, 49-64, 66-68, and 70-80 are pending in the present application.

Allowed Claims

The Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 40-41, 43-44, 56, 66-68, 71-72 and 75-76.

Replacement Figures 1 and 2

The Applicants respectfully present another set of replacement Figures 6A, 6B, 7B, 8-12 and 15-17 properly labeled as "Replacement Sheet." Accordingly, the Applicants request approval of the drawing changes.

Objection to Claims 17-39, 57 and 59-64

Claims 17-39, 57 and 59-64 were objected to as containing some informalities. Claims 17-18, 27, 33, 37, 57, 59, 61 and 64 have been amended to obviate this objection. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection is therefore requested.

Rejection of Claims 17-19, 21, 29-30, 38-39, 42, 45-47, 49-55, 58-64, 70, 73, 77-80

Claims 17-19, 21, 29-30, 38-39, 42, 45-47, 49-55, 58-64, 70, 73 and 77-80 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. These claims

have been amended to obviate this rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore requested.


Conclusion

In view of the above, the Applicants respectfully request the allowance of claims 17-47, 49-64, 66-68, and 70-80 and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 100021-00033.

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Enclosure: Replacement Sheets

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicants respectfully present herewith another set of replacement Figures 6A, 6B, 7B, 8-12 and 15-17 which include the desired changes, without markings, and which comply with §1.84. The changes made to Figures 6A, 6B, 7B, 8-12 and 15-17 are explained in the accompanying remarks section below.